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FACULTY SENATE
NOVEMBER 25, 1991
1444

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Call for Press Identification.
2. Comments from Provost Marlin.
3. Committee reports from Academic Program Review and Student Outcomes.
4. The Chair indicated members would be receiving a Request from the Department of Home Economics for a Name Change to "Department of Design, Family and Consumer Sciences."

DOCKET

5. 511 446 Request from University Calendar Committee to Approve Academic Calendars for Academic Years 1993 through 1996. See Senate minutes 1443. Approved as amended.
6. 512 447 Recommendation from Professor Crownfield to Not Include Out-of-state Students in the Enrollment Cap. This was moved to the 12/9/91 Senate Docket since Professor Crownfield was unable to attend the 11/25/91 Senate meeting.

CORRECTIONS

7. Corrections to Senate minutes 1443.

The Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gilchrist Hall by Chairperson Longnecker.

Present: Leander Brown, Phyllis Conklin, Kay Davis, David Duncan, Bill Henderson, Randall Krieg, Roger Kueter, John Longnecker, Barbara Lounsberry, Charles Quirk, Ernest Raiklin, Nick Teig, Marc Yoder, ex-officio.

Alternates: William Clohesy/Edward Amend, Cynthia Coulter/Patrick Wilkinson

Absent: Robert Decker, Erwin Richter, Ron Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Chair called for press identification. No members of the press were present.

2. Comments from Provost Marlin.

Provost Marlin gave an update on the last Board Meeting. She stated that due to the state's current financial problems, the Regents Universities are under close scrutiny by groups such as the Fisher Commission. This, in turn, has placed the Board of Regents in a defensive position that will likely produce increased requests for assessment and accountability. She stated one manifestation of this was the Board of Regents request for a study of faculty work load.

Provost Marlin commented on the Regents' enrollment report and the quality of students UNI is attracting. She indicated that of those students entering UNI directly from high school, 93% ranked in the top half of their graduating class. This compares to 88% at University of Iowa and 91% at Iowa State.

She expressed deep concern, however, at the current 3.3% minority enrollment, which falls very short of the 8.5% minority enrollment goal. She stated the need for more diverse faculty to obtain this goal and strongly encouraged the faculty to work toward increasing faculty diversity through recruitment. She stated there will be a continued endeavor to achieve a more highly diversified UNI.

Provost Marlin indicated she had visited with Student Government President, Ron Woodall. At this time he indicated Student Government would be taking a more active role in expressing the effects of the budget situation on students.

3. Committee Updates

A. Academic Program Review

Herb Safford, chair, stated the committee had met again, and was pleased to have Dr. Barak from the Board of Regents Office also present. Dr. Barak met with the committee, one dean and associate dean, as well as Paul Butler-Nalin who has coordinating responsibilities among the three committees. Safford stated Dr. Barak's visit proved to be very fruitful, and Dr. Barak also seemed more supportive to the idea of integrating accreditation reporting and program review.

Professor Safford stated the committee discussed the cost factor involved in running academic program reviews. Despite the 50% external costs which Provost Marlin has agreed to cover, some departments stated it would be difficult to cover the remaining 50% cost considering the number of programs which they have to do and the budget cuts. Since this could be a deterring factor for departments, Professor Safford suggested it might be beneficial to run a university-wide cost projection. He concluded, indicating Psychology and Finance have turned in their reports.

B. Student Outcomes

Gene Lutz, chair, stated the committee is awaiting the December deadline for submission of plans. He indicated eight draft plans have been received to date. Those departments potentially losing programs are being notified they do not need to submit Student Outcomes plans.

C. Strategic Planning

There was not a representative of this committee present.

4. The Chair indicated members would be receiving Calendar #513, Request from the Department of Home Economics for a Name Change to "Department of Design, Family and Consumer Sciences."

DOCKET

5. 511 446 Request from University Calendar Committee to Approve Academic Calendars for Academic Years 1993 through 1996. See Senate minutes 1443.

Duncan moved, Lounsberry seconded to approve.

A discussion followed concerning the observance of the Martin Luther King holiday which falls during the Spring semesters which was not contained in the academic calendars submitted.

Senator Quirk questioned whether University of Iowa and Iowa State, who both observe the Martin Luther King holiday, are in session that day, to which Registrar Philip Patton replied they were not. When asked what the most feasible option in observing this holiday would be, Registrar Patton again cited the following options:

- A. Drop number of instruction days in Spring semester to 74.
- B. Do not begin class instruction until 4 p.m. that day.
- C. Monday of Spring final exam week be considered an instruction day, with finals being given Tuesday through Friday of that week.

Lounsberry moved, Quirk seconded to amend the academic calendars for the observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, beginning with Spring 1993, and not begin class instruction until 4 p.m.

Senator Duncan stated he felt it would be a disservice to students to reduce instruction by one day.

Quirk called for the question. After a voice vote, Chair Longnecker called for a division. On a division of the house, the motion to amend carried with nine "yes" and three "no" votes.

The question was called to approve academic calendars as amended. Motion carried.

6. 512 447 Recommendation from Professor Crownfield to Not Include Out-of-State students in the Enrollment Cap.

This was postponed until the 12/9/91 Senate Docket since Professor Crownfield was unable to attend this meeting.

There being no further business, Chair Longnecker adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

CORRECTIONS

7. Corrections to Senate minutes 1443.

Page 4, Item A, 2nd paragraph, 3rd university listed should be "University of Northern Iowa" rather than "University of Iowa".

Page 5, Item 6, 6th paragraph, should read as follows: "Associate Director of Admissions Hendrickson stated the percent of current year Iowa high school graduates attending UNI has increased every year for the last five years, with an increase of 1% from Fall 1989 to Fall 1991 (4.6% to 5.6%). He also indicated the number of Iowa high school seniors is again on the rise, following years of decline, with continued strong interest in UNI."

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wallace
Secretary

These minutes shall stand approved as published unless corrections or protests are filed with the Secretary of the Senate within two weeks of this date, December 3, 1991.